



RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 18, 2003

- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEN WEEKLY and MACK

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, CITY CLERK BARBARA JO (RONI) RONEMUS, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE – meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:
Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Senior Citizens Center, 450 E. Bonanza Road
Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy
Court Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall
City Hall Plaza, Posting Board

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 18, 2003

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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CONSENT

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-12 – Annexation No. A-0032-02(A) – Property location: On the north side of Donald Nelson Avenue, 340 feet west of Grand Canyon Drive; Petitioned by: El Durango, LLC; Acreage: 7.77 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), U (PCD) (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the north side of Donald Nelson Avenue, 340 feet west of Grand Canyon Drive. The annexation is at the request of the property owner. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (February 28, 2003) is set by this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-12 and Location Map

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-12 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED advised that the item was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-13 – Annexation No. A-0033-02(A) – Property location: On the south side of Grand Teton Road, 330 feet east of Hualapai Way; Petitioned by: El Durango, LLC; Acreage: 5.18 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), U (PCD) (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the south side of Grand Teton Road, 330 feet east of Hualapai Way. The annexation is at the request of the property owner. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (February 28, 2003) is set by this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-13 and Location Map

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-13 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained that the item was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-15 – Annexation No. A-0037-02(A) – Property location: On the east side of Rio Vista Street, 170 feet north of Ann Road; Petitioned by: Judie Collins and Bruce Warburton, et al.; Acreage: 7.52 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), R-E (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the east side of Rio Vista Street, 170 feet north of Ann Road. The annexation is at the request of the property owners. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (February 28, 2003) is set by this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-15 and Location Map

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-15 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED indicated that the item was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-16 – Annexation No. A-0041-02(A) – Property location: On the southeast corner of Cimarron Road and Racel Street; Petitioned by: Kimball T. Stratton; Acreage: 15.04 acres; Zoned: R-A and R-E (County zoning), to R-A and R-E (City equivalents). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the southeast corner of Cimarron Road and Racel Street. The annexation is at the request of the property owner. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (February 28, 2003) is set by this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-16 and Location Map

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-16 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED stated that the item was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-19 – Updates the description of the City’s ward boundaries. Proposed by:
Barbara Jo Ronemus, City Clerk

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City Council recently adopted Ordinance No. 5556, which made adjustments to the City’s ward boundaries. One of the changes made by that ordinance was based on erroneous information. This bill will correct the error and make any additional changes that need to be made at the time of adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-19

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-19 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CITY CLERK BARBARA JO (RONI) RONEMUS explained that this is a housekeeping measure to relocate a precinct, as reflected in the current ward maps.

AL GALLEG0, citizen of Las Vegas, noted that Ward 6 is growing very quickly, but the boundaries are only changed after a census. COUNCILMAN MACK clarified with CITY CLERK RONEMUS that the wards can be reconfigured more frequently. The Charter allows reconfiguration between censuses when there is discrepancy of five percent or more between the wards.

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City Attorney

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MINUTES – Continued:

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-14 – Annexation No. A-0034-02(A) – Property location: On the south side of Donald Nelson Avenue, 660 feet east of Grand Canyon Drive; Petitioned by: El Durango, LLC; Acreage: 2.55 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), U (ML) (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the south side of Donald Nelson Avenue, 660 feet east of Grand Canyon Drive. The annexation is at the request of the property owner. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (March 14, 2003) is set by this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-14 and Location Map

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-14 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained that the item was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-17 – Authorizes the City to impose minimum landscaping requirements on multi-family developments that were approved before minimum requirements were established.

Sponsored by: Councilman Michael J. McDonald

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Generally, multi-family developments within the City are required to maintain landscaping in accordance with certain standards. However, older developments approved before minimum landscaping requirements were established currently do not have to meet such standards. This bill will authorize the City to require such developments that do not have adequate landscaping to submit a plan for approval and to maintain landscaping in accordance therewith.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-17

Submitted after Final Agenda: Support letter from V. Arnold and Board

Submitted at meeting: photograph

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-17 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

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City Attorney

Item 7 – Bill No. 2003-17

MINUTES – Continued:

COUNCILMAN McDONALD explained that this sets standards for buildings built back before the code included landscaping requirements or people who let their landscaping go. City research reflects that when complaints are received, there is no way to require these properties to comply. He submitted a photograph of a complex that is an example of the problem throughout many neighborhoods. This is a tool for the Rapid Response Team to force livable space. It does take into consideration the drought situation and is reasonable. The City has made quality of life a focus point.

TODD FARLOW, 240 North Nineteenth Street, indicated that he and his neighborhood organization object to this bill only applying to multi-family developments. It should be applied to all residential property. His neighborhood includes at least three properties that this would apply to.

AL GALLEGOS questioned the zoning applicable to multi-family developments. He confirmed with ROBERT GENZER, Director of Planning & Development, that multi-family would include anything beyond one unit, such as a duplex. MR. GALLEGOS concurred with the comments made by MR. FARLOW. The dirt in the air is going to force him from his home.

COUNCILMAN McDONALD outlined the information obtained at a seminar regarding these types of standards adopted by other cities. Pasadena, California, has code requirements for front yard landscaping. It is important that a standard be set, but not create undue hardship for seniors or other challenged property owners.

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, confirmed with COUNCILMAN WEEKLY and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED that this bill will apply Citywide and that there are no legal implications of imposing retroactive standards. Based on those assurances, he supported the passage of the bill with the use of xeriscape or water conservation measures. MR. GENZER explained that after a property is cited, they will be required to submit a landscape plan for approval. There are no specifics to govern the plan, but it would eventually be approved by the City. The plan would be reviewed, pursuant to the drought plan, on a case-by-case basis.

COUNCILMAN MACK supported the bill as drafted, but expressed a concern with issues that might come up if it were expanded to all residential property. COUNCILMAN McDONALD agreed with him that such issues would have to be resolved before any such expansion.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

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DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2003-18 – Ordinance Creating Special Improvement District No. 1499 - Alexander Road (US-95 to Rancho Drive) Sponsored by: Step Requirement

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

Amount: \$74,652.28

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division: Public Works/SID

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source: Capital Projects Fund - Special Assessments

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The construction and installation of pavement, “L” type curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveway approaches, water laterals and mains, sewer laterals and mains, and streetlights.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a recommending committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2003-18

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN MACK recommended Bill 2003-18 be forwarded to the Full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained that the item was in order.

No one appeared in opposition and there was no further discussion.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY declared the Public Hearing closed.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: ITEMS RAISED UNDER THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA CANNOT BE DELIBERATED OR ACTED UPON UNTIL THE NOTICE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW HAVE BEEN MET. IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA, PLEASE CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS, AVOID REPETITION, AND LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES. TO ENSURE ALL PERSONS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, EACH SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE LIMITED TO TEN (10) MINUTES.

MINUTES:

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident and mayoral candidate, submitted written comments outlining the secret of official power. Political expediency is the worse type of discrimination. Human means imperfection and human government is inherently imperfect. It is the spirituality of the God In Me Ministry which makes it such a profound issue. This profound issue should be resolved in a fair, reasonable and equitable manner, for God's sake.

TODD FARLOW, 240 North 19th Street, discussed the process of working through a Council person in order to incorporate all residential properties into a bill like 2003-17.

(4:18 – 4:21)

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: _____
GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
March 6, 2003